ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to a method and system for managing patient care. The system may include a central information system containing patient records, caregiver data, and task-related information. The system may additionally include a patient identification device including a patient identifier linking a patient to a patient record in the central information system and a caregiver identifier associated with the caregiver data in the central information system. The system may further include a portable information device for collecting data from the patient identification device and communicating with the central information system to retrieve the patient record and verify the caregiver identifier. The system may further include a device link server and a patient link micro- server for locally caching data. Other identification devices such as a medication identification device and a medical device identifier may also be provided in the system.